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The Pilakovo (U49/D20) plant of Kovosmalt National Corporation employs about 4,500 workers, including about 1,000 women.* Work is done in three shifts and on a piece-work basis. About 65 percent of the workers are Communists. The plant produces in one month about 300 military carriages (sic), 15,000 to 18,000 steel outer helmets, about 30,000 canteens, about 60,000 pieces of military kitchenware, between 3,000 and 4,000 45-gallon gasoline drums, about 60 car-loads of enameled dishware, about 4,500 fire extinguishers and an unknown number of ovens. All production is exported to the USSR through Cierna nad Tisou, with the exception of ovens, fire extinguishers and a portion of the production of gasoline drums and enameled dishware, which are produced for domestic consumption.

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Leading personnel of the Pilakovo plant of Kovosmalt include the following:

- a. Production Manager: Ing. Koenig, a Hungarian.
- b. Foreman of the pressing plant: Ing. Sablik, a Hungarian.
- c. Foreman of the enameling work-shop: Jan Milarcik, a Slovak.
- d. Foreman of the power station and boiler house: Ing. Seknicka, a Slovak.
- e. Chairman of the Workers' Council: Josef Barna, a Slovak.

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Comment: this plant employed about 2,000 toward the end of 1949 and produced no military goods because of its poor strategic location and the large number of Hungarians among its employees.

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